

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for building a search query in a data processing system having a graphical user interface, comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
responsive to user input, dropping a graphical component representing a first system object onto a graphical component representing a query function, wherein said first system object contains an attribute for which the user wishes to create a query;
presenting a set of attributes of the first system object;
receiving a user selection of at least one attribute in the set of attributes to create a selected set of attributes; and
responsive to the user selection, creating a search query from the selected set of attributes.
2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of using the search query to assemble a set of system objects having attributes similar to the selected set of attributes.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the subsystem attribute is a graphical user interface (GUI) subsystem attribute.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising the step of defining a search scope for assembling the set of system objects.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first system object represents the data processing system in a distributed computing environment.
6. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
a bus system;
an input device connected to the bus system;
a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and
a processing unit connected to the bus system,

wherein the processing unit, responsive to user input from the input device, executes the set of instructions to drop a graphical component representing a first system object onto a graphical component representing a query function, wherein said first system object contains an attribute for which the user wishes to create a query

the processing unit presents a set of attributes of the first system object, the processing unit receives a user selection of at least one attribute in the set of attributes to create a selected set of attributes,

and responsive to user selection from the input device, the processing unit creates a search query from the selected set of attributes.

7. (Currently amended) A system for building a search query in a data processing system having a graphical user interface, comprising:

dropping means, responsive to user input, for dropping a graphical component representing a first system object onto a graphical component representing a query function, wherein said first system object contains an attribute for which the user wishes to create a query;

presenting means for presenting a set of attributes of the first system object;

receiving means for receiving a user selection of at least one attribute in the set of attributes to create a selected set of attributes; and

creating means, responsive to the user selection, for creating a search query from the selected set of attributes.

8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 7, further comprising using means for using the search query to assemble a set of system objects having attributes similar to the selected set of attributes.

9. (Original) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the subsystem attribute is a graphical user interface (GUI) subsystem attribute.

10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 8, further comprising defining means for defining a search scope for assembling the set of system objects.

11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the first system object represents the data processing system in a distributed computing environment.

12. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for building a search query in a data processing system having a graphical user interface, comprising:

instructions, responsive to user input, for dropping a graphical component representing a first system object onto a graphical component representing a query function, wherein said first system object contains an attribute for which the user wishes to create a query;

instructions for presenting a set of attributes of the first system object;

instructions for receiving a user selection of at least one attribute in the set of attributes to create a selected set of attributes; and

instructions, responsive to the user selection, for creating a search query from the selected set of attributes.

13. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 12, further comprising instructions for using the search query to assemble a set of system objects having attributes similar to the selected set of attributes.

14. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the subsystem attribute is a graphical user interface (GUI) subsystem attribute.

15. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 13, further comprising instructions for defining a search scope for assembling the set of system objects.

16. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the first system object represents the data processing system in a distributed computing environment.

17. (New) A method in a data processing system for building a search query, the method comprising:

receiving a request to run a query and a property identification;

receiving a representative graphical user interface object by a find function;

after receiving said request to run a query, said property identification, and said representative graphical user interface object, determining whether said representative graphical user interface object has been dragged into a template search folder;

responsive to a determination that said representative graphical user interface object has been dragged into said template search folder, receiving a selection of said representative graphical user interface object;

responsive to said selection of said representative graphical user interface object, displaying a set of properties for said representative graphical user interface object;

receiving a selection of at least one of said set of properties for said representative graphical user interface object that form selected properties;

responsive to receiving said selected properties, receiving query instructions that form received query instructions;

constructing a search query using the received query instructions to form a constructed query;

running the constructed query to obtain query results of objects; and

returning the query results of objects to a results folder.